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**ATTACHMENT B**  
-- State Plan Certifications --

This has been designed to enable the Chief Executive Officer of a State to certify that the State will operate its Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program in accordance with the statutory requirements in section 402(a)(2) through (7).

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**CERTIFICATIONS**

The State will operate a program to provide Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) so that the children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives; to end dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage; to prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies; and encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

This program is generally known as: Wisconsin Works

Executive Officer of the State (Name): Tommy G. Thompson, Governor

In administering and operating a program which provides Temporary Assistance for Needy Families with minor children under title IV-A of the Social Security Act, the State will:

1. Specify which State agency or agencies will administer and supervise the program under part A in all political subdivisions of the State:

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and Department of Health and Family Services are the agencies responsible for administering the program;

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and Department of Health and Family Services are the agencies responsible for supervising the program;

2. Assure that local governments and private sector organizations:

- (a) Have been consulted regarding the plan and design of welfare services in the State so that services are provided in a manner appropriate to local populations; and
- (b) Have had at least 45 days to submit comments on the plan and the design of such services.

3. Operate a Child Support Enforcement program under the State plan approved under part D;

4. Operate a Foster Care and Adoption Assistance program in accordance with part E, and certify that the State will take all necessary actions to ensure that children receiving assistance are eligible for medical assistance;

5. Provide each member of an Indian tribe, who is domiciled in the State and is not eligible for assistance under a Tribal Family Assistance plan approved under Section 412, with equitable access to assistance under the State program funded under this part attributable to funds provided by the Federal Government.

6. Establish and enforce standards and procedures to ensure against program fraud and abuse, including standards and procedures concerning nepotism, conflicts of interest among individuals responsible for the administration and supervision of the State program, kickbacks, and the use of political patronage.

7. Make available to the public a summary of the State plan; and

### **OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION**

[ ] The State has established and is enforcing standards and procedures to:

- (1) Screen and identify individuals receiving assistance under this part with a history of domestic violence while maintaining the confidentiality of such individuals;
- (2) Refer such individuals to counseling and supportive services; and
- (3) Waive, pursuant to a determination of good cause, other program requirements such as time limits (for as long as necessary) for individuals receiving assistance, residency requirements, child support cooperation requirements, and family cap provisions, in cases where compliance with such requirements would make it more difficult for individuals receiving assistance under this part to escape domestic violence or unfairly penalize such individuals who are or have been victimized by such violence, or individuals who are at risk of further domestic violence. \*

### **CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE:**

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*Date*

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*Signature and Title*

\* **Wisconsin has found that it is counterproductive to categorically waive program requirements for those who are the most in need of help, such as victims of domestic abuse. In the past, individuals who were exempted from work requirements received no case management and were often forgotten. Under W-2, case managers will work closely with victims of domestic abuse to overcome special barriers that might exist. Wisconsin's strategy is supported by the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The coalition supports the state's decision not to opt for the FVO and has worked with the state to develop appropriate training on working successfully with victims of domestic abuse.**

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## ATTACHMENT C

-- Funding --

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### FUNDING

Section 403(a)(1)(A) provides that each eligible State shall be entitled to receive for each of the fiscal years 1996 through 2002, a grant in an amount equal to the State family assistance grant as defined in section 403(a)(1)(B).

#### I. Payments to Agency Administering the TANF Program

- Payments for the TANF program will be made to the organization managing the AFDC/JOBS programs as of August 22, 1996, unless the State indicates that the TANF administering agency is changed. If a change is made, describe the name, address and EIN number of the new organization.

#### II. State Payments for TANF Program

- Section 405 requires that grants be paid to States in quarterly installments, based on State estimates. The State's estimate for each quarter of the 1999 fiscal year by percentage is:

For FY 1999			
1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
<u>25%</u>	<u>25%</u>	<u>25%</u>	<u>25%</u>

- For FY 2000, States should indicate below the percentage of TANF funds requested for only those quarters in which they plan to operate the program.

For FY 2000			
1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
<u>25%</u>	<u>25%</u>	<u>25%</u>	<u>25%</u>

#### III. Changes and Inquiries

If a State determines that these estimates require changes, a letter indicating the change in percentages should be sent to your ACF Regional Office and to ACF's Central Office. The Central Office address is:

#### The Administration for Children and Families

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